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REMARKS

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1. On 19 October 1953, the Panzer Kaserne on August Bebel Strasse, Burg, was occupied by an estimated 100 to 150 troops. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. A few officers with tank insignia were seen. Individual soldiers engaged in fatigue duty. Several trucks were seen in open sheds in the south section of the installation.

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2. On 19 October, the Artillerie Kaserne on Zerbster Chaussee was occupied by an estimated 300 to 400 troops. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. Some of the troops wore artillery insignia and, a few, black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 100 unarmed soldiers engaged in formation drill. About 60 to 80 troops received field training and training in firing with machine guns in the training area south of the installation. An officer and 8 to 10 EM engaged in service of the piece drill on a 122-mm howitzer. At about 3 p.m., trucks [redacted] each occupied by 10 to 12 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and each towing a 122-mm field howitzer, were seen en route to the installation coming from the direction of Magdeburg.

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Comment. The units of the 136th Gds Mv-Tank SP Regt of the Third Shock Army stationed in the Panzer Kaserne and units of the 304th Arty Brig (US) and, possibly, the unidentified AA Regt of the LXXXI Mta-Rifle Corps stationed in the Artillerie Kaserne are believed to have still been engaged in exercises. Exercises of the corps in the northeastern portion of Letzling Heath and eastward had been observed until about 12 September.

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As elements of the 19th Gds Mdz-Div from Magdeburg also had not yet returned by 17 October, it is assumed that individual units of the corps continued the exercises in the Letzling Heath area.

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